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## Afghanistan Situation Report (U)

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## AFGHANISTAN SITUATION REPORT

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AFGHAN REFUGEES: LONG-TERM BURDEN FOR PAKISTAN

Demographic Arithmetic. We expect that the Afghan refugees will present a problem of increasing complexity. We believe that the sheer size of the refugee population--the largest in the world--will strain the government's ability to accommodate the refugees.

The US Census Bureau estimated that there were 2.5 million refugees in Pakistan as of mid-1982, based on the numbers of refugees registered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees between 1979 and the end of 1981, estimated net gains of 25,000 during 1982, and the estimated number of births and deaths occurring in the refugee population. The Census Bureau projects that the refugee population will reach 2.7 million by 1985 and 3.2 million by 1990, even assuming that no additional refugees will arrive or be repatriated after 1982.\*

the economic costs have been high. The government estimates its assistance costs for 1982-83 at \$555 million--over and above aid provided by international relief organizations for

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We believe that the US Census Bureau estimate, based on both UN camp registrations and documented demographic growth assumptions, is reasonable and can be used with some degree of confidence.

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### Social Tensions

Most refugees are Pushtun tribesmen who, according to local and national Pakistani sources, have been received as brothers by the Pakistani Pushtuns of the North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan, and as Muslim brothers in need by all Pakistanis.

Islamabad, which is concerned that unrest could be exploited by Soviet-sponsored agents, has adopted preventive measures:

--Refugee camps have been deliberately situated away from more populous centers.

--Refugee areas are rigorously policed.

--Grazing, water, and land rights have been carefully defined between locals and refugees.

--Where resentment toward refugee aid has been vocal, local inhabitants have been granted aid commensurate with that given to the refugees, or restitution has been made by the government to the aggrieved party.

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